

FIRST SET OF DOCUMENT AND INFORMATION REQUESTS OF  
THE LOW INCOME PARTIES TO  
BOSTON GAS COMPANY, COLONIAL GAS COMPANY AND ESSEX GAS COMPANY  
D/B/A KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY NEW ENGLAND

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- Q. Please refer to the practice at Boston Gas of monthly procurement of one-twelfth of non-storage supplies. (a) Please state whether the Company has considered extending this practice over a longer term, such as 24 or 36 months instead of the current 12 months. (b) If the answer to (a) is "yes," please provide copies of all the analyses performed, including their conclusions. Include all workpapers quantifying support for the conclusion reached.
- A. The 12-month term adopted by the Company is consistent with the annual purchasing cycle (i.e., a peak and off-peak period) that the Company undertakes to meet the needs of customers within its service territory. However, it is the Company's intention to review the results of the first year of the program following the 2004/05 winter season to determine if changes to the current program should be recommended to the Department.